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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Broadband Industry Practices (WC Docket No. 07-52)

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Dear Chairman:

President Obama tackled education issues after a very short time in office. We embraced his leadership in encouraging students to stay in school. He has initiated policies to ensure that everyone has access to broadband so no segment of our population is left behind in our age of technology. I believe in those highly achievable goals. However, I also believe that putting restrictions on the Internet through so-called "net neutrality" regulation will take us in the wrong direction.

The rapid expansion of the Internet has brought so many advances in education -- from distance learning for secondary and post-secondary education, telemedicine advancements, and greater access to evolving technology. Learning groups are connected online and shared learning is more powerful than ever before. This is all due to the innovative collaborations between educators, developers, business interests and support from the private sector, which invests in the communications infrastructure that powers these collaborations.

It takes a robust network – and careful management - to allow the Internet traffic to flow efficiently. Net neutrality will hamstring network management through government interference and slow down progress, investment and innovation. We can't stop that progress and investment that has brought us so far.

Imposing any type of regulation on the Internet would threaten the educational collaboration that allows us to be life-long learners and powerful members of the global learning community.

Sincerely,

Brian T. Henry